RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) Removal of encroachers from Railway land is a continuous process which is undertaken under the provisions of Public Permises (Eviction of
Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, to ensure hazard free train operation and for ensuring the safety of life and property of those settling unauthorisedly very close to the railway tracks. The policy of rehabilitation of unauthorised occupants of Government land is presently under review by the Central Government.

**Establishing a Broad Band Multimedia Network along Railways**

1511. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of "Relpathe OFC Patha Niye Aaj Katha Cabinete" published in Ananda Bazar Patrika on 18th July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government are concretising the project for establishing a broad band multimedia network along the Railways; and

(c) if so, the approximate cost of the project, the agency for implementing the project, the nature and equity structure of the agency, the *Modus Operandi* of selecting the consultant and other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railways have taken steps for developing a business plan for the project which would be implemented through the medium of a professionally managed Corporation proposed to be set up. Decisions regarding the nature and equity structure of the Corporation, cost of project etc. would be taken after studying the business plan. An open and transparent procedure has been adopted for selection of consultant, 'Expressions of interest' have been invited from reputed consultants and a broadbased task-force consisting of Representative of Ministries of Communications, Finance, Law Justice & Company Affairs is assisting Railways in selecting the consultant.